

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 8, 2008

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ITEM #4
MISC. TRAFFIC ORDINANCES

ITEM #5
MINUTES



CHICOPEE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

DRAFT

MEMBERS

James K. Tillotson, Chairman
George Moreau, Vice-Chairman
Donald Demers
John Vieau
Robert J. Zygarowski

MINUTES
April 8, 2008

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Aldermanic Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Members Present

Tillotson, Demers, Vieau, Zygarowski

Also Present

Alderman Brunetti, Alderman Krampits, Attorney Kevin Corridan, Chief Ferraro (Police Chief), Stanley Iwanicki (Assessor) Laura McCarthy (Assessor), Stan Kulig (Superintendent DPW), Tom Hamel (Chief Operator DPW), Fred Goehring and Gerald Fecteau of the Sewer Commission

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

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Chief Ferraro thanked the committee for having him and stated Chicopee is the 2nd largest city. The station receives about 100,000 calls a year. We have 4 officers in schools, detectives and Memorial Drive is back to "hay day". It is time to expand and the city will be getting what they pay for.

Alderman Tillotson stated he completely understands.

Chief Ferraro stated he takes pride that they haven't let this city go to dumps and that they do not want to let any one down. Four more police may not seem like a lot but it truly is.

Alderman Zygarowski asked what happened to the 4 officers in the schools in the summer.

Chief Ferraro answered depending on how long they've been working they will take the kids vacations. They also must keep up on all of their qualifications every single year.

Alderman Zygarowski asked with these 4 officers, will it help the downtown area.

Chief Ferraro answered that the downtown area is constantly patrolled. We also have people that would like to see more police on bikes.

Alderman Zygarowski stated he would also like to see more permanent walking officers.

Alderman Demers asked if the officers in the schools will always be resource officers.

Chief Ferraro answered no because you can't necessarily put rookies in the schools because they will get "eaten alive".

Alderman Brunetti asked if the police station needs more cruisers.

Chief Ferraro stated yes, they need an extra car or two.

Motion made by Alderman Zygarowski to approve.

Motion accepted. 4-0 Favorable

ITEM #2 ORDERED THAT General Law Chapter 59, Section 5 (41D) be reviewed with the option of accepting the law for FY 2009.

Laura McCarthy stated they have spent time researching and reviewing 41C and 41D, if they were to go with this option they City would be committed for 3 years. We would also like to do more publicity.

Alderman Tillotson stated he would like to adopt this. He feels we have been too cautious. Although he doesn't want to spend the tax money he also he doesn't want it being said in editorials that they are leaving the issue on the table.

Laura McCarthy stated their main concern is the statistics; the beginning of the "baby boomers" and how many of these people are going to be coming in? It may really increase the number.

Alderman Tillotson stated that not all are going to be coming in poor.

Alderman Zygarowski stated that married couples must have less then \$56,000.00 in assets not including their house.

Stanley Iwanicki stated yes and they are more or less interested in dropping the age.

Alderman Krampits asked what would happen if they were to adopt this and go over 139 people.

Laura McCarthy stated if we do, we will assume those people will still be on the plan for the next year or two.

Alderman Krampits stated if it is going to cost the city more money after the 3 years because it's no longer working, we are going to get back lashed for not looking out for the senior citizens.

Laura McCarthy made a comment that some of this may not have been clear. She stated she is not sure if it will freeze at 41D. So if they were to revoke this, it would fall back to 41C but she will look into that and inform the Aldermen the following day.

Alderman Zygarowski asked if people 65 years old and over are helped the most by this.

Stanley Iwanicki answered yes.

Alderman Zygarowski stated if they were to adopt this, they would not be hurting the City but more or less helping out the seniors with the high water, sewer etc. bills. He stated he believes it's worth a try.

Alderman Tillotson asked if by the end of the 3rd year and we are \$500.00 over and decided to withdrawal, do the people already in get to stay or are they bumped back.

Stanley Iwanicki answered they are not sure they will find out and let the Aldermen know tomorrow along with Laura's letter.

Alderman Demers stated he is worried about the few unanswered questions.

Alderman Vieau agreed.

Motion made by Alderman Zygarowski to approve
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Alderman Tillotson asked how much money is in the Reserve Fund.

Stan Kulig answered \$286,000.

Alderman Vieau asked if there was any possible way to make a private access for the workers.

Stan Kulig answered they have talking about that, just need to look into it a little more.

Alderman Tillotson suggested for issue to go back to the board for the next meeting and sent back to committee for the 1st meeting.

Alderman Zygarowski asked if there is any hope for federal funds.

Stan Kulig answered there is no construction money but so far 43 million dollars has been spent so there will be a little bit coming back.

Alderman Zygarowski asked how many years are expected.

Stan Kulig answered that in the constant order it states the city has 20 years to do 40 million dollars worth of work. Every year it is expected to have 30 million dollars worth of work done.

Alderman Zygarowski asked what if we didn't do it.

Stanley Kulig answered that the city would be looking at fines for millions of dollars.

Alderman Vieau asked where they are headed now.

Stanley Kulig answered they are going to go before the board with all the plans and ideas then go from there.

Alderman Vieau asked when the point of 40 million dollars is reached, will Willimansett also get new sewers.

Stanley stated everything North and South of Call Street; yes it is going to go on the plan. The next phase is North and South of Granby Road because that is where the most sewer complaints are located from.

Alderman Vieau asked once the 2% mark is reached, will we receive relief from the federal government.

Stanley Kulig stated they won't give any money but they will state to take a break because of the good job that has already been finished.

Alderman Brunetti stated we knew about this 20 years ago.

Alderman Tillotson stated the City didn't have any money then and it has little money now.

Alderman Brunetti stated the people should know about this then and then asked when sewer rates have come about.

Stanley Kulig answered 1990.

Motion to move forward for 1st meeting

Motion accepted. 4-0 favorable

ITEM #7

Miscellaneous Traffic Ordinances

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Alderman of the City of Chicopee as follows: that CHAPTER 260, as amended on February 21, 1995, be further amended by adding to/striking from the following in schedule:

(Check Applicable)

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| (X) | I | Parking Regulations |
| () | X | Winter Parking Regulations |
| () | XI | One-Way Streets |
| () | XIV | Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights |
| () | XIII | Right Turn on Red |
| () | II | Bus Stops |
| () | | Other |

AS FOLLOWS: DWIGHT STREET

North side from Cabot Street to the end of Fire Dept. property
Approximately 150 ft.

Parking Prohibited Any Time

Motion made by Alderman Zygarowski to accept.

Motion Approved 4-0 Favorable

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AS FOLLOWS: **GASPEE STREET**

Both Sides

PARKING PROHIBITED

Motion made by Alderman Zygarowski to accept.
Motion Approved 4-0 Favorable

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- ☒ Other HANDICAP PARKING

AS FOLLOWS: **28 LUDGER AVENUE**

HANDICAP PARKING

Motion made by Alderman Tillotson to withdrawal.
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AS FOLLOWS: **21 STONE AVENUE**

HANDICAP PARKING

Motion made by Alderman Zygarowski to deny.
Reasons: Not Recommended by City Engineer.

- The Paved width of Stone Avenue can be accommodate one vehicle (very similar to Wells Avenue)
- The side of the street is posted "No Parking"
- 21 Stone Avenue has a driveway with a two-car garage

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AS FOLLOWS: **780 CHICOPEE STREET**

2 HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

Motion made by Alderman Zygarowski to deny.

Reasons: Not Recommended by City Engineer.

- Chicopee Street is a collector street with a high volume of vehicles
- Although there is a breakdown lane of 8' wide a wheel chair or similar walking apparatus may be aggressing into the travel lane
- If this request is based on the church they currently have off-street parking with handicap parking spaces.

Motion Approved 4-0 Favorable

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AS FOLLOWS: **18 STONINA DRIVE**

HANDICAP PARKING

Motion made by Alderman Zygarowski to table
Motion accepted.

ITEM #5 Minutes- March 11, 2008

Motion made by Alderman Vieau to accept.
Motion passed. 4-0 favorable

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36PM